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To the Hon. Ensign H. Kellogg, *Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

Sir,—In conformity with the provisions of the 186th chapter of the Acts of the year 1849, establishing the office of Attorney General, I submit herewith to the Legislature, the accompanying "Abstracts and Tabular Statements," prepared from the Annual Reports, made to me by the prosecuting officers of the Commonwealth, of the criminal business in their respective districts, to the 3d day of December last.

I also append a statement of the cases which have been argued and conducted by me, between the 3d day of July, when I entered upon the duties of the office of Attorney General, and the 1st day of January last. These cases required my attendance at all the law terms held by the supreme judicial court throughout the Commonwealth, with the exception of the county of Norfolk, in which county no cases were reserved for argument before the full bench.

During the period embraced in the Report, I have been frequently called upon to consult and advise with the Executive, the Treasurer and Receiver General, the Land Agent, the Auditor, the Superintendent of Alien Passengers, and the District Attorneys, upon matters connected with the administration of the duties of their respective departments, and have prepared and furnished twenty-three written opinions upon various questions submitted to me by these officers.

I have also collected and paid over to the Treasurer and Receiver General, the sum of $355 57, being the whole amount due upon the bonds of a delinquent auctioneer, without instituting a suit against the sureties.

At the August and November terms of the municipal court, I attended the grand jury for the county of Suffolk, in their examinations of several cases. In the annexed statement I have

omitted all those in which no bills were found, as they are included by the Commonwealth's Attorney for that county, in his Report, and are embraced in the accompanying Abstract.

There are various topics, upon which I have thought important suggestions might be made to the Legislature, pursuant to the provisions of the fourth section of the act referred to, warranted by the existing condition of our criminal jurisprudence, and which might tend to improvement in "the proper and economical administration of the criminal law." But the brief period which has elapsed since I entered upon the duties of the office, and the unusual amount of important business which has crowded that period, arising out of an unprecedented increase of capital cases, have induced me to defer any suggestions tending to a change or modification of existing laws, until a larger measure of observation, and better opportunities for a careful consideration of their tendencies and effect, shall enable me to present them with a settled conviction of their necessity or expediency. I am admonished also, by the reflection, that such suggestions, in a matter of so much importance to the people of the Commonwealth, as the efficient administration of the criminal law, to be of any value to the Legislature, or to be entitled to its confidence, must be entirely free from the suspicion of being the fruits of a crude or hastily formed judgment.

I therefore have restricted myself in this report, to what is required by the statute, as a means of furnishing to the Legislature, the materials for a comparison of the statistics of crime in this Commonwealth.

All which is respectfully submitted, by

JOHN H. CLIFFORD,

Attorney General.

February 15th, 1850.

STATEMENT

Of Cases argued and conducted by the Attorney General, from July 3, 1849, *to January* 1, 1850.

County of Berkshire. S. J. Court—Law Term.

Commonwealth v. Michael Flynn. *Arson.* Exceptions to the ruling of the C. C. Pleas, and motion in arrest of judgment —argued—motion overruled, and remitted to C. C. Pleas for sentence.

Same v. same. *Perjury.* Motion in arrest of judgment—argued—motion overruled—remitted to C. C. Pleas for sentence.

Same v. Eben'r L. Griffin and al. *License Law.* Motion in arrest—argued—overruled. Four exceptions argued—3 overruled—1 sustained. Remitted to C. C. Pleas for sentence on 3 counts of the indictment.

Same v. Robert Walden. *Malicious Mischief.* Exceptions —argued—and sustained. Remitted to C. C. Pleas for new trial.

David A. Sumner and al. v. the Commonwealth. *Writ of Error.* Argued—judgment for plaintiffs in error. Discharged.

County of Hampshire. S. J. Court—Law Term.

Commonwealth v. Betsey Hunt. *Lewd and Lascivious Cohabitation.* Exceptions from C. C. Pleas—argued—3 exceptions sustained, and defendant discharged.

Same v. Thomas Tilton. *License Law.* Exceptions—and motion to quash indictment—argued—overruled. Remitted to C. C. Pleas for sentence.

Same v. James Sloane and al. *License Law.* Exceptions—argued—overruled. Remitted to C. C. Pleas for sentence.

County of Hampden. S. J. Court—Law Term.

Commonwealth v. Otis Twitchell. *Unlicensed Public Exhibition.* Motion in arrest of judgment—argued—overruled. Remitted to C. C. Pleas for sentence.

County of Franklin. S. J. Court—Law Term.

Commonwealth v. Calvin Shattuck. *Forcible Detainer.* De-

murrer to indictment and joinder in demurrer. Continued for argument, at adjourned term in Boston.

Same v. Patience Bond and als. *Assault on an Officer.* Exceptions from C. C. Pleas. Continued for argument, as above.

COUNTY OF WORCESTER. S. J. COURT—LAW TERM.

Commonwealth v. Mason Wheeler. *License Law.* Exceptions from C. C. Pleas—exceptions waived. Remitted to C. C. Pleas for sentence.

Same v. same. Exceptions from C. C. Pleas—exceptions waived. Remitted to C. C. Pleas for sentence.

Same v. Esek Saunders. *Violation Factory Labor Law.* Exceptions, and motion to quash indictment. *Nol. pros.* in consequence of new legislation since the exceptions were taken. *Act of* 1849, *c.* 220.

Commonwealth v. William E. Knowlton. *Murder.* Prisoner arraigned, and counsel assigned. Trial assigned for October 9, 1849.

October 9. Prisoner's counsel move for a postponement. Motion discussed and granted. Trial postponed to December 26, 1849.

December 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th. Trial. Verdict, guilty. Sentence, death.

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX. S. J. COURT—LAW TERM.

Commonwealth v. Worthy Parker. *Assault and Battery.* Motion in arrest of judgment, and exceptions. Continued for argument, at adjourned term.

Same v. Valentine Robbins. *Wilful Trespass.* Exceptions from C. C. Pleas. Continued for argument, at adjourned term.

Same v. Josiah G. Chase. *Violation of City By-law.* Continued for argument, at adjourned term. This case, being a prosecution for violating an ordinance or by-law of a city, in which, by the existing provisions of law, the Commonwealth is not responsible for any costs, it does not properly come within the official cognizance or management of the prosecuting officers. But, as the case had been conducted in the C. C. Pleas, by the District Attorney, in conformity with a usage which has prevailed in that county, it was taken charge of by me before I

was apprized of the nature of the prosecution, and continued for argument, at the adjourned term.

Commonwealth v. Daniel H. Pierson. *Murder.*
Do. v. do. do.
Do. v. do. do.

Prisoner arraigned on the first indictment, and counsel assigned. December 18th assigned for the trial.

December 12th, a motion was made by the prisoner's counsel, before the whole court, at Salem, for a postponement of the trial. The motion was argued, and granted by the court, and the trial postponed to February 26, 1850.

County of Bristol. S. J. Court—Law Term.

Commonwealth v. John Q. A. Tripp. *License Law.*
Do. v. do. do.
Do. v. do. do.

Exceptions from C. C. Pleas—argued—overruled—and continued to the November term S. J. Court for sentence.

County of Essex. S. J. Court—Law Term.

Commonwealth v. Bimsly Stevens. *Common Drunkard.* Exceptions from C. C. Pleas—argued—exceptions overruled. Remitted to C. C. Pleas for sentence.

Same v. William Clark. *License Law.* Motion in arrest of judgment—argued—overruled. Remitted to C. C. Pleas for sentence.

Same v. William P. Shaw and William H. Mallory. *Burglary.* Exceptions from C. C. Pleas—argued—overruled. Prisoners sentenced, viz.:—Shaw, 3 days solitary and 4 years State Prison. Mallory, 3 days solitary and 4 years State Prison.

Same v. William P. Shaw, William H. Mallory, and Joseph B. Atwater. Exceptions from C. C. Pleas—argued—exceptions overruled. Prisoners sentenced, viz.:—Shaw, 4 years State Prison. Mallory, 4 years State Prison. Atwater, 4 years State Prison.

Same v. John P. Lakeman. *Assault and Battery.* Exceptions from C. C. Pleas—argued—overruled. Remitted to C. C. Pleas for sentence.

William P. Dix v. the Commonwealth.
Do. v. do.
Do. v. do.

Three writs of error—argued—judgment for the Commonwealth; writs of error dismissed, and the original judgment of the C. C. Pleas affirmed.

Commonwealth v. Rachel Sharp. *Murder.* Prisoner arraigned—counsel assigned—trial assigned for December 11th.

December 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th.—Trial—argued to the jury—jury do not agree upon a verdict; jury discharged, and case continued.

In the trial of this case, I was assisted by the Hon. Asahel Huntington, District Attorney for the Eastern District.

County of Suffolk. S. J. Court and Municipal Court.

Harrison Wingate v. the Commonwealth. *Writ of Error.* Entered Nov. term S. J. Court for argument. Still pending.

Commonwealth v. John McDonald. Exceptions from Municipal Court. Still pending in S. J. Court.

Same v. John Lowell. Same.

Same v. Certain Lottery Tickets. Information filed in Municipal Court, by the District Attorney. Exceptions to S. J. Court, still pending.

Same v. Thomas Connelly, John Riley, and John Joyce. *Rape.* Municipal Court, August term. Attended the Grand Jury, and drew the indictment. Indictment certified into S. J. Court, November term. Prisoners arraigned, and December 31st assigned for the trial.

December 31st and January 1st, trial. Verdict, Connelly guilty of an assault, with intent to ravish. Joyce and Riley not guilty. Connelly sentenced to 3 days solitary and 3 years State Prison.

Commonwealth by information v. John Keyes, *2d Comer Convict.* Municipal Court, August term. Information filed—defendant arraigned and convicted. Sentence, 5 days additional imprisonment.

Same v. James Morse. Same. Same.

Same v. James Swan. Municipal Court, September term. Information filed—defendant arraigned—convicted, and sentenced to 5 days additional.

Same v. George Ranselow. Same. Same sentence.

Same v. David B. Mason. Same. Same sentence.

Same v. Thomas C. Cummings. Municipal Court, October term. Information filed—defendant convicted—sentence, 10 days additional.

Same v. Alonzo Reynolds. Same. Same sentence.

Same v. Charles Sargent. Same. Same sentence.

Municipal Court, November term. Attended the Grand Jury, and drew indictments, in the following cases:—

Commonwealth v. Philip Dolan and al. *Aggravated Assault.*

Same v. John Betton. *Arson.*

Same v. George Cox. *Murder.* Indictment certified to S. J. Court, November term. Prisoner arraigned, and trial assigned for December 31st.

Table I.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Against the person feloniously, - -	20	10	3	-	2	4	1	-	$796 42
Against the person not feloniously, - -	252	117	24	31	16	43	15	6	5,370 23
Against property with violence, - -	67	48	8	1	6	2	2	-	1,992 89
Against property without violence, - -	289	201	32	9	17	11	6	13	7,133 43
Other offences, - -	965	577	23	83	68	101	70	43	10,237 14
Total, - -	1593	953	90	124	109	161	94	62	$25,530 11
.....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	.....
Table of Offences.									
Abduction, - -	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	$12 53
" and Fornication, - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9 85
Abortion, procuring, -	3	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	200 52
Absconding apprentice, &c., - - -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Accessary to a felony after the fact, - -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Adultery, - - -	11	3	-	3	2	2	1	-	215 73
Arson, - - -	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	59 01
" second degree, -	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	70 66
" attempt at, -	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	37 39
Assault, &c., - -	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	70 59
" with intent to commit a rape, -	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	19 68

TABLE 12.

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Assault, felonious, -	4	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	$235 76
Assault, felonious, with intent to murder, -	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	52 53
Assault, felonious, with a pistol, &c., - -	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	18 57
Assault, felonious, attempt to commit a rape, - - -	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	22 20
Assault, felonious, and Robbery & Larceny,	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	27 11
Assault and Battery, -	131	65	11	19	9	22	3	2	2850 16
Assault and Battery, aggravated, - -	4	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	95 12
Assault and Battery, with a file, &c., -	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	20 81
Assault and Battery, felonious, - -	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	107 24
Assault and Battery, intent to ravish, &c.,	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	35 90
Assault and Battery, on a Judge of Police Court, - - -	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	9 18
Assault and Battery, on an officer and rescuing a prisoner, &c., -	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	20 31
Assault and Battery, on a Police Officer, -	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	18 71
Assault and Battery, on watchmen, - -	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	74 59
Assault and Battery, with an axe, on two watchmen, - -	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	20 47
Assault and Battery, with a slung shot, -	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	48 72

TABLE I.—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Assaulting a Constable, &c., . .	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	$35 98
Assaulting and resisting a Constable, .	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	33 74
Assaulting an Officer, &c., . . .	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	13 24
Assaulting an Officer, and attempting to rescue a prisoner, .	4	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	57 92
Assaulting Police Officers, . . .	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	73 34
Assaulting Watchmen, &c., . . .	14	12	2	.	.	.	.	.	291 89
Assaulting Watchmen, Rescue, &c., . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	14 32
Breaking and entering a church and Larceny, . . .	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	35 27
Breaking into a school-house and stealing therein, . .	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	15 21
Brothel, . . .	31	7	.	3	16	1	3	1	513 24
Brothel and House of Ill Fame, . .	8	5	.	2	.	.	1	.	94 80
Brothel and License Law, . . .	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	32 15
Brothel & noisy house,	8	4	.	1	.	.	3	.	82 45
Brothel, Noisy House, and Sunday, . .	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	33 54
Brothels, letting out tenements for, .	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	12 16
Brothels, letting houses for, . . .	5	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	66 65

TABLE I.—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Burglary and Larceny,	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	$41 80
Burglary and Larceny, attempt at, . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	20 32
Cheating by False Pretences, . . .	36	5	5	7	5	7	6	1	761 75
Cheating by False Pretences, and conspiracy to cheat, . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	34 57
Cheating by False Pretences and Larceny,	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	12 05
Cheating by a Shop Bill, for a Bank Bill, and False Pretences,	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	44 51
Civil Actions, (Recognizances,) . .	71	44	.	26	.	.	1	.	364 65
Common Drunkards, .	4	1	.	1	2	.	.	.	129 11
Common Night-walker,	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	9 71
Conspiracy to cheat, .	3	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	10 79
Conspiracy to cheat, and Cheating, .	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	12 29
Counterfeit Bank Bills, having, with guilty knowledge and intent to utter them as true, &c., . .	14	8	1	.	2	2	1	.	347 20
Cruelty to Animals, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	19 25
Deputy Sheriff ordered to discharge a Witness, . . .	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
Disorderly House, &c.,	3	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	30 21
Disorderly and Noisy House, and Brothel,	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	26 44
Drunkenness, . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 96

TABLE I.—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Drunkenness and Common Drunkard, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	$11 65
Embezzlement, . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	7 17
Embezzlement and Larceny, . . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	7 17
Escape from House of Correction, . .	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	30 40
Escape from State Prison, . . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 14
Forgery, . . .	7	1	1	.	1	3	1	.	130 06
Forgery and Uttering,	5	2	.	.	1	1	.	1	61 91
Fornication, . .	4	2	.	1	.	.	.	1	40 82
Having a lighted Cigar in a Stable, &c., .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 49
Having Tools, Dies, &c., for coining Counterfeit Money,	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	23 67
Highway Robbery, Felonious Assault, &c.,	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	65 78
Homicide, . .	2	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	24 45
Housebreaking and Larceny, . .	13	9	1	.	3	.	.	.	333 01
House of Ill Fame, keeping, . .	3	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	32 41
House of Ill Fame, Brothel, &c. keeping, . . .	3	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	63 73
Intruding a Wharf beyond the Commissioners' Line, .	16	4	1	2	8	.	1	.	364 29
Larceny, . . .	261	187	27	6	16	10	4	11	6,443 42
Larceny, attempt at, .	5	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	94 85

TABLE I.—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Larceny from a Building on Fire, . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	$13 88
Larceny from the Person, ...	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	44 48
Larceny and Highway Robbery, Felonious Assault, . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	59 16
Larceny and Receiving Stolen Goods, &c. .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	36 30
Lewd and Lascivious Association and Cohabitation, . .	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	22 22
Lewd and Lascivious Cohabitation, . .	2	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	42 12
Lewd and Lascivious Cohabitation & Fornication, . .	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	19 95
Lewdness and Exposure, ...	5	4	.	1	.	.	.	.	131 93
Libel, ...	2	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	4 61
License Law, . .	537	335	12	8	23	81	40	38	4,569 57
License Law & Brothel, ...	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	12 03
License Law and Bad House, ...	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	12 98
License Law and Disorderly House, .	4	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	49 29
License Law and Gambling House, . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	4 25
License Law and Noisy House, . . .	37	26	1	1	1	1	6	1	434 56
License Law and Noisy and Gambl'g House,	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	9 44

TABLE I.—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
License Law and Noisy and Disord'ly House,	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	$17 71
License Law and Sunday & Noisy House,	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	26 03
License and Sunday Law, . . .	42	38	.	.	1	1	1	1	420 33
Lottery, . . .	3	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	127 03
Lottery Tickets, Information against, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	10 38
Lunatic, . . .	26	26	.	.	.	.	.	.	492 05
Malicious Mischief, .	2	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	16 53
Malicious Trespass, &c., . . .	3	1	.	1	.	1	.	.	32 65
Manslaughter, &c., .	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	25 80
Medical Mal-practice and Manslaughter, .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	8 21
Misdemeanor, Letting Furniture to furnish Brothels, knowing, &c., . . .	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Murder, . . .	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	52 04
Noisy House, &c., .	3	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	27 23
Noisy House & Brothel, . . .	2	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	28 72
Noisy House and License Law, . .	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	8 91
Noisy House, Nuisance, &c., . .	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	64 54
Noisy and Disorderly House, &c., . .	11	5	1	.	1	.	4	.	126 67
Noisy and Disorderly House and Brothel,	8	6	.	.	.	.	2	.	134 46

TABLE I—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Noisy and Disorderly House, Brothel, and License Law, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	$17 59
Noisy and Disorderly House, Nuisance, .	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	26 10
Nuisance, . .	5	2	.	1	1	.	1	.	50 26
Nuisance in Harbor, .	2	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	35 92
Offence not mentioned,	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
Office breaking and Larceny, . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	21 83
Omnibus, Ordinance cases, ...	18	.	.	18	.	.	.	.	171 40
Ordinance, City, violation of, . . .	2	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	24 89
Ordinance as to Market, violation of, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	9 12
Perjury, ...	4	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	49 92
Perjury and License Law, ...	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	5 29
Perjury and Subornation of Perjury, .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1 97
Publishing Advertisement for Abortion, &c., under new statute, ...	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	10 38
Rape, ...	2	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	97 57
Receiv'g Stolen Goods, &c., ...	20	9	3	3	.	1	2	2	519 42
Receiving Stolen Money, with guilty knowledge, &c., . .	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	25 56
Resisting a Watchman, attempting a Rescue, &c., ...	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19 33

TABLE I—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Riot and Assault, &c.,	2	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	$130 78
Riot, and Assault and Battery, . .	2	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	90 03
Riot, and Assaulting Watchmen and Officers, . . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	51 60
Sending threatening letters to extort money, &c., . .	3	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	11 21
Ship-breaking and Larceny, . . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	47 15
Ship-breaking and Larceny, attempt at, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	22 19
Shop-breaking and Larceny, ...	32	25	3	.	1	1	2	.	1,002 94
Shop-breaking and Larceny, attempt at, .	2	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	29 17
Shop-breaking and attempt at Larceny, .	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	38 40
Shop-breaking and Larceny, and receiving Stolen Goods, &c., .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	42 23
State Prison, Second comer, . . .	13	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	141 22
Do. Third do.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	22 44
Stubborn Child, .	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	10 28
Sunday Law, . .	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	58 41
Threatening to Accuse for extorting Money,	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	34 94
Uttering a Counterfeit Check on a Bank, .	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	17 26
Uttering a Forged Acceptance, with guilty knowledge, . .	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	56 67

TABLE I—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Uttering a Forged Note,	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
Vessel-breaking & Larceny, . . .	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	$176 31
	1593	953	90	124	109	161	94	62	$25,530 11

The Attorney of the Commonwealth for the county of Suffolk, in addition to the business embraced in the foregoing Tables, states in his Report as follows:—

"In reference to the municipal court, there has been an increase of important business during the past year, and, in addition to the great number of persons sent for long periods of time to the several penitentiaries for adults and minors, the sheriff of this county has received for fines and costs, imposed by this court, within the year, the sum of eighteen thousand four hundred and ninety-eight dollars and fifty-one cents, $18,498 51

And the jailor has received a further sum, upwards of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the like fines and costs, paid in jail, by persons sentenced in the court, - - - - - 2,500 00

And I have paid over to the treasurer of the Commonwealth, the sum of eleven thousand two hundred and seventeen dollars and eighty-four cents, collected on recognizances in criminal cases, from the bail of persons who have avoided, and fled from justice, - - - 11,217 84

$32,216 35

"In the court of common pleas I commenced an action of debt, in the name of the Commonwealth, on a bond, given at the jail, for prison limits, the condition of which was broken, and I recovered judgment in October term, 1849, for debt, $115 18

And costs of suit, - - - -	$15 21
And for the execution, - - - -	0 25
	$130 64

"In the supreme judicial court, at the March term, 1849, I argued the Commonwealth's questions of law, before the full bench, and had the general oversight and management of the other cases.

"And I conducted a capital trial for murder against Washington Goode. He was convicted by the jury, on the 4th day of January, 1849, and afterwards was executed.

"I have examined, at request of His Excellency the Governor, and given written opinions in fifteen cases of requisitions of, and for fugitives from justice.

"On one occasion I have been consulted by the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, and gave a written opinion on the question proposed.

"In eleven instances, I have been notified by poor debtors confined in prison on executions for debt in favor of the Commonwealth; and in all those cases I have drawn up interrogatories in writing, and had them carefully examined, before they were admitted to take the poor debtors' oath."

Table II. Eastern District.

Essex County constitutes this District.

ESSEX COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Against the person, feloniously, . .	2	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	$155 84
Against the person, not feloniously, . .	35	18	7	2	8	.	.	.	1,038 35
Against property, with violence, . .	14	8	.	1	5	.	.	.	906 88
Against property, without violence, . .	31	9	6	2	6	8	.	.	791 00
Other offences, . .	185	67	4	12	83	19	.	.	3,907 94
Total, . .	267	102	18	17	102	28	.	.	$6,800 01
.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Table of Offences.									
Adultery, . .	4	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	387 68
Assault, . . .	3	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	32 85
Assault and Battery, .	23	8	6	1	8	.	.	.	708 64
Assault on an Officer,	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	88 05
Assault, aggravated, .	5	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	150 01
Affray, . . .	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	15 65
Burglary, . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	17 93
Bigamy, . . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 75
Burning Barn, . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	55 34
Cheating, . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	23 35
Common Drunkard, .	5	.	1	2	2	.	.	.	152 03
Common Carrier, .	4	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	82 28

TABLE II—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Disorderly House, .	5	1	1	.	3	.	.	.	$179 97
Disturbing Peace, .	3	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	59 06
Escape, . . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	16 34
Forgery, . . .	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	8 87
Gaming, . . .	2	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	29 60
Highway, . .	9	.	.	1	5	3	.	.	139 56
Larceny, . . .	27	9	6	2	3	7	.	.	696 04
License Law, . .	120	53	1	6	56	4	.	.	2,080 41
Lottery, . . .	3	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	37 99
Lewdness, . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	17 40
Lewd and Lascivious Cohabitation, .	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	47 38
Libel, . . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	16 04
Murder, . . .	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	147 14
Nuisance, . .	8	.	.	.	3	5		.	137 29
Obstructing Cars, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	22 94
Peddling, . .	2	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	35 23
Perjury, . . .	3	.	.	1	.	2	.	.	66 29
Riot, . . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	121 41
Riot and Assault, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	58 80
Rape, attempt to commit, . . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	8 70
Rescue, attempt to, .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	33 43
Receiving Stolen Goods	2	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	62 74

TABLE II—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Sodomy, . . .	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	$135 09
Shop-breaking, .	10	6	.	.	4	.	.	.	764 99
Sunday Law, . .	3	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	81 91
Trespass, . .	2	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	68 62
Vagabond, . .	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	10 21
	267	102	18	17	102	28	.	.	$6,800 01

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

This district comprises the county of Middlesex.

Of the cases mentioned in this report, 111 were appeals,—of which the following disposition was made, viz.:—38 convictions, 16 acquittals, 7 quashed, 29 nol. pros'd, 8 defaulted on recognizances, and 13 are still pending.

Table III. Northern District.

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance	COSTS.
Against the person, feloniously, . .	8	1	.	.	6	1	.	.	$265 82
Against the person, not feloniously, . .	67	26	11	6	12	12	.	.	1,807 56
Against property, with violence, . .	40	19	5	2	10	3	.	1	1,524 08
Against property, without violence, . .	94	62	10	4	7	7	2	2	3,285 42
Other offences, . .	215	104	12	40	31	13	4	11	5,136 70
Total, . .	424	212	38	52	66	36	6	14	$12,019 58
.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Table of Offences.									
Adultery, . .	10	5	.	2	.	2	1	.	509 48
Altering Bank Bill, .	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	0 65
Arson, . . .	4	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	252 66
Assault and Battery, .	45	19	9	5	5	7	.	.	1,266 27
Assault, felonious, .	5	1	.	.	3	1	.	.	200 04
Bowls, . . .	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	52 35
Burglary, . .	36	17	5	1	9	3	.	1	1,329 76
Burglary and attempt at Arson, . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	88 49

TABLE III—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Burglary, attempt at, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	$31 28
Cheating, . .	3	.	.	1	.	2	.	.	93 31
City Ordinance, violation of, . . .	7	.	.	6	1	.	.	.	88 53
Common Drunkard, .	15	11	2	2	.	.	.	.	268 65
Common Railer and Brawler, . .	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	43 12
Counterfeiting, . .	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	18 54
Counterfeit Coin, .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	0 65
Counterfeit Coin, possession of, . .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	46 94
Counterfeit Money, having, with intent, &c.,	3	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	33 54
Counterfeit Money and Altered Bills, uttering, ...	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	78 08
Delivering Spirits to Prisoners, . .	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	33 46
Disorderly House, .	3	1	.	.	1	.	1	.	82 28
Embezzlement, . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	26 70
Escape, ...	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	16 78
Extortion, . .	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	16 41
False Pretences, .	6	1	1	.	4	.	.	.	91 74
Fornication, . .	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	62 56
Larceny, . . .	86	59	8	3	7	6	2	1	2,829 18
Larceny, from the person, ...	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	8 35
Lewd and Lascivious Cohabitation, .	6	3	1	.	1	1	.	.	215 07

TABLE III—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Lewd and Lascivious Person, . .	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	$17 98
Libel, ...	5	.	.	.	3	2	.	.	226 70
License Law, . .	118	56	7	24	14	6	2	9	2,304 15
Malicious Mischief, .	5	1	2	1	1	.	.	.	83 32
Murder, ...	3	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	65 78
Nuisance, . .	10	2	.	.	6	2	.	.	142 87
Obstructing Road, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 79
Perjury, ...	3	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	343 00
Perjury, subornation of,	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	0 97
Poisoning Cattle, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	29 10
Polygamy, . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	151 76
Pub. Amusement, without License, . .	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	22 93
Receiving Stolen Goods	3	.	.	1	.	1	.	1	36 10
Removing Land Marks,	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	167 48
Rescue, ...	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	24 70
Riot, ...	4	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	460 56
Sureties of Peace, .	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	11 47
Town By-law, violation of, ...	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	18 32
Trespass, Malicious, .	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	54 78
Trespass, Wilful, .	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	21 95
	424	212	38	52	66	36	6	14	$12,019 58

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

This district comprises the counties of Bristol, Plymouth, Nantucket, Barnstable, and Dukes.

Table IV. Southern District.

BRISTOL COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Against the person, feloniously, . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
Against the person, not feloniously, . .	21	8	3	2	4	4	.	.	$246 23
Against property, with violence, . .	9	5	.	.	.	4	.	.	128 19
Against property, without violence, . .	51	33	.	4	.	13	.	1	764 79
Other offences, . .	145	66	4	27	34	6	.	8	1,705 13
Total, . .	227	112	7	33	38	28	.	9	$2,844 34
.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Table of Offences.									
Adultery, . .	4	3	.	.	1	.	.	.	59 52
Arson, . . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
Assault and Battery, .	19	7	3	2	4	3	.	.	215 04
Assault on an Officer,	2	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	31 19
Assault, with intent to Ravish, . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
Burglary, . .	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	128 19
Breaking Jail, . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 83
Disturbing Peace, .	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Disorderly House, .	8	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	182 56

TABLE IV—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Drunkenness, . .	14	6	.	3	4	.	.	1	$104 84
Escape, ...	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	20 74
Exposure of Person, .	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	22 56
Forgery, ...	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	16 49
Gambling, . .	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	11 47
License Law, . .	69	39	1	18	4	3	.	4	947 82
Lewd and Lascivious Cohabitation, .	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 56
Larceny & Shop-breaking, ...	49	32	.	3	.	13	.	1	737 45
Malicious Mischief, .	4	1	.	.	2	1	.	.	11 12
Nuisance, . .	23	2	.	1	19	.	.	1	188 98
Peddling, . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
Polygamy, . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
Receiving Stolen Goods	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	10 85
Robbery, . . .	3	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.
Rescue, . . .	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	20 74
Scire Facias, . .	8	2	.	2	2	.	.	2	76 60
Sunday Law, . .	2	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	30 40
Vagrancy, .	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	8 39
	227	112	7	33	38	28	.	9	$2,844 34

TABLE V. SOUTHERN DISTRICT—*Continued.*

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Against the person, feloniously, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Against the person, not feloniously, . .	6	3	.	.	.	3	.	.	$53 83
Against property, with violence, . .	3	1	.	.	.	2	.	.	63 25
Against property, without violence, . .	19	14	.	1	.	4	.	.	330 00
Other offences, . .	20	8	.	5	3	4	.	.	280 96
Total, . .	48	26	.	6	3	13	.	.	$728 04
.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
TABLE OF OFFENCES.									
Adultery, . .	3	1	.	.	.	2	.	.	17 84
Arson, . . .	2	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	63 25
Assault and Battery, .	6	3	.	.	.	3	.	.	53 83
Burglary, . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
Conspiracy, . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
Exhibition, unlawful, .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
Gaming, . . .	3	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	29 91
License Law, . .	4	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	157 63
Larceny & Shop-breaking, . . .	19	14	.	1	.	4	.	.	330 00
Nuisance, . .	7	5	.	.	2	.	.	.	40 17
Sunday Law, . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	35 41
	48	26	.	6	3	13	.	.	$728 04

TABLE VI. SOUTHERN DISTRICT—*Continued.*

BARNSTABLE AND NANTUCKET.

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Against the person, feloniously,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Against the person, not feloniously,	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	$38 20
Against property, with violence,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Against property, without violence,	7	3	.	1	.	3	.	.	102 22
Other offences,	44	32	1	1	9	1	.	.	328 48
Total,	53	36	1	3	9	4	.	.	$468 90
TABLE OF OFFENCES.									
BARNSTABLE.									
Adultery,	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
Assault and Battery,	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	38 20
License Law,	31	31	.	.	.	.	.	.	274 76
Larceny & Shop-breaking,	4	1	.	1	.	2	.	.	53 78
Nuisance,	2	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	7 83
Receiving Stolen Goods	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 75
NANTUCKET.									
Larceny & Shop-breaking,	2	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	46 69
Malicious Mischief,	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	9 97
Nuisance,	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	35 92
Rescue,	8	.	.	.	8	.	.	.	.
	53	36	1	3	9	4	.	.	$468 90

TABLE VII. RECAPITULATION. WHOLE NO. IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Against the person, feloniously, . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
Against the person, not feloniously, . .	29	12	3	3	4	7	.	.	$338 26
Against property, with violence, . .	12	6	.	.	.	6	.	.	191 44
Against property, without violence, . .	77	50	.	6	.	20	.	1	1,197 01
Other offences, . .	209	106	5	33	46	11	.	8	2,314 57
Total, . .	328	174	8	42	50	45	.	9	$4,041 28

MIDDLE DISTRICT.

This district comprises the counties of Worcester and Norfolk.

Table VIII. Middle District.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Against the person feloniously, - -	3	2	.	.	1	.	.	.	$337 63
Against the person not feloniously, - -	37	11	4	9	13		.	.	578 40
Against property with violence, - -	4	.	3	1	.	.	.	.	317 70
Against property without violence, - -	36	20	3	5	7	.	.	1	868 45
Other offences, - -	402	213	6	30	148	.	.	5	2,252 99
Total, - -	482	246	16	45	169	.	.	6	$4,355 17
.....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	.....
Table of Offences.									
Adultery, . .	6	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	327 78
Arson, . . .	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	295 25
Assault and Battery, .	33	7	4	9	13	.	.	.	511 37
Assault on an Officer,	4	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	67 03
Brawler, . . .	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Bowling Alley, . .	6	1	.	.	5	.	.	.	53 13
Common Drunkard, .	17	3	1	2	10	.	.	1	82 13
Contempt, . .	7	6	.	.	1	.	.	.	28 13
Cheating, . .	4	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	31 07
Counterfeit Money, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	40 60

TABLE VIII—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Disorderly House, .	2	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Employing Children in Factory, without Instruction, . .	4	1	.	.	3	.	.	.	$22 08
Embezzlement, . .	2	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	107 03
Fast Driving, . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 36
Gaming, . .	6	1	.	1	4	.	.	.	44 00
Idleness, . . .	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	101 35
Larceny, . . .	29	18	3	4	3	.	.	1	689 75
License Law, . .	319	182	5	20	108	.	.	4	1,318 20
Murder, . . .	2	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	260 40
Manslaughter, . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	77 23
Mischief, . . .	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	10 75
Nuisance, . .	20	2	.	4	14	.	.	.	185 08
Robbery, . . .	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
Rescue, . . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	45 27
Shop-breaking, . .	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	22 45
Scire Facias, . .	9	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	26 73
	482	246	16	45	169	.	.	6	$4,355 17

TABLE IX. MIDDLE DISTRICT—*Continued.*

NORFOLK COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Against the person, feloniously, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Against the person, not feloniously, . .	16	9	1	2	3	.	.	1	$279 88
Against property, with violence, . .	21	15	2	2	1	.	.	1	1,310 67
Against property, without violence, . .	17	14	1	1	.	.	.	1	314 32
Other offences, . .	93	34	4	25	28	.	.	2	654 47
Total, . .	147	72	8	30	32	.	.	5	$2,559 34
.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
TABLE OF OFFENCES.									
Assault and Battery, .	14	7	1	2	3	.	.	1	242 76
Assault on an Officer,	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	37 12
Bowling Alley, .	4	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	73 05
Burning Dwellinghouse	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	485 62
Burning Barn, . .	6	4	1	1	.	.	.	.	451 03
Cheating, . .	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	34 51
Cruelty to Horse, .	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	17 01
Contempt, . .	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	12 87
Common Drunkards, .	3	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	36 71
Drunkenness, . .	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	9 42
Disturbance, . .	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Fast Driving, . .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
Firing Crackers, .	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	25 98

TABLE IX—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
House-breaking, .	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	$151 78
License Law, . .	59	28	2	10	18	.	.	1	329 27
Larceny, . . .	15	12	1	1	.	.	.	1	279 81
Mischief, . . .	4	.	1	3	.	.	.	.	70 26
Nuisance, . .	12	.	.	5	7	.	.	.	62 39
Obstructing Cars, .	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	17 51
Shop-breaking, . .	8	6	.	1	1	.	.	.	222 24
Threatening Letter, .	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Trespass, . .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
	147	72	8	30	32	.	.	5	$2,559 34

TABLE X. RECAPITULATION. WHOLE NO. IN MIDDLE DISTRICT.

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Against the person, feloniously, . .	3	2	.	.	1	.	.	.	$337 68
Against the person, not feloniously, . .	53	20	5	11	16	.	.	1	858 28
Against property, with violence, . .	25	15	5	3	1	.	.	1	1,628 37
Against property, without violence, . .	53	34	4	6	7	.	.	2	1,182 77
Other offences, . .	495	247	10	55	176	.	.	7	2,907 46
Total, . .	629	318	24	75	201	.	.	11	$6,914 51

WESTERN DISTRICT.

This district comprises the counties of Hampshire, Hampden, Franklin, and Berkshire.

Table XI. Western District.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Not Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Against the person, feloniously, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Against the person, not feloniously, . .	4	1	.	1	2	.	.	.	$112 94
Against property, with violence, . .	6	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	183 09
Against property, without violence, . .	27	13	6	.	1	6	1	.	410 63
Other offences, . .	54	24	6	5	13	6	.	.	848 44
Total, . .	91	44	12	6	16	12	1	.	$1,555 10
.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Table of Offences.									
Assault, &c., . .	4	1	.	1	2	.	.	.	112 94
Breaking Jail, . .	2	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	26 07
Burglary, . .	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	36 60
Capias for Contempt, .	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 10
Common Drunkard, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	28 96
Counterf't Money, passing, . . .	4	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	67 08
House-breaking, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	25 01
Indecent Exposure, .	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	37 11
Larceny, . . .	21	10	6	.	1	3	1	.	292 88

TABLE XI—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Lewd and Lascivious Cohabitation, .	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	$73 48
License Law, . .	36*	16	3	3	10	4	.	.	425 39
Malicious Mischief, .	2	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	1 60
Nuisance, . .	4	1	.	.	2	1	.	.	137 24
Polygamy, . .	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	0 75
Receiving Stolen Goods	2	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	50 67
Riot, ...	3	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	114 74
Shop-breaking, . .	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	121 48
	91	44	12	6	16	12	1	.	$1,555 10

* 5 continued from 1848, still pending.

TABLE XII. WESTERN DISTRICT—*Continued.*

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Against the person, feloniously, . .	5	2	1	.	.	1	1	.	$129 10
Against the person, not feloniously, . .	24	12	2	2	2	4	.	2	636 20
Against property, with violence, . .	7	3	.	2	1	1	.	.	212 77
Against property, without violence, . .	32	11	3	.	3	7	1	7	833 25
Other offences, . .	81	19	8	17	11	17	3	6	1,423 34
Total, . .	149	47	14	21	17	30	5	15	$3,234 66
TABLE OF OFFENCES.									
Adultery, . .	6	4	1	1	.	.	.	.	109 80
Aiding Prisoner to Escape, ...	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	61 91
Assault, &c., . .	17	9	2	2	2	1	.	1	429 35
Assault, aggravated, .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	56 71
Assault, felonious, .	5	2	1	.	.	1	1	.	129 10
Assault on an Officer,	6	3	.	.	.	3	.	.	150 14
Billiard Table, keeping, ...	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
Bowling Alley, keeping, ...	4	1	.	.	1	.	1	1	76 69
Burning Store-house, .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	22 76
Capias for disregarding Summons, . .	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 32
Common Drunkard, .	4	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	17 38

TABLE XII—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Destroying Personal Property, . .	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	$22 02
Disturbing Public Worship, ...	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	0 65
Drunkenness, . .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	10 53
False Pretences, .	7	.	.	1	1	5	.	.	222 90
Fornication, . .	4	1	1	.	.	2	.	.	79 30
Gaming, suffering, .	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	84 36
House of Ill-fame, .	2	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	34 14
Larceny, ...	29	10	2	.	3	7	1	6	771 65
Lascivious Cohabitation,	2	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	36 41
License Law, . .	8	3	.	.	3	2	.	.	63 28
Malicious Mischief, .	8	2	.	3	1	2	.	.	215 58
Not providing suitable House of Correction,	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1 94
Nuisance, . .	5	.	.	.	4	1	.	.	35 19
Polygamy, . .	2	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	77 01
Profane Swearing, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	17 72
Receiving Stolen Goods	3	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	61 60
Scire Facias, . .	17	.	3	9	.	.	1	4	47 64
Selling Unwholesome Provisions, . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	42 26
Setting up a Lottery, .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	37 71
Setting up a Show, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	143 62
Shop-breaking, . .	4	3	.	.	1	.	.	.	167 99
	149	47	14	21	17	30	5	15	$3,234 66

TABLE XIII. WESTERN DISTRICT—*Continued.*

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Against the person, feloniously, . .	2	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	$76 30
Against the person, not feloniously, . .	20	7	1	.	7	5	.	.	594 46
Against property, with violence, . .	4	1	1	1	.	1	.	.	398 37
Against property, without violence, . .	6	2	.	1	1	2	.	.	153 62
Other offences, . .	61	29	.	2	11	15	1	3	999 41
Total, . .	93	39	2	4	19	25	1	3	$2,222 16
.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
TABLE OF OFFENCES.									
Adultery, . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	53 20
Assault and Battery, .	19	6	1	.	7	5	.	.	511 60
Assault, felonious, .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	15 52
Assault on an Officer,	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	82 86
Bowling Alley, .	3	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	56 93
Burning Barn, . .	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	174 21
Carrying a Pauper to another Town, .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1 67
Common Drunkard, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	28 48
Drugs, Administering,	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	10 59
Forcible Entry, .	2	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	202 81
House-breaking, .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	21 35
Larceny, . . .	6*	2	.	1	1	2	.	.	153 62

* 1 continued from 1843.

TABLE XIII—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
License Law, . .	46*	23	.	2	8	10	.	3	$712 58
Malicious Mischief, .	2	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	46 01
Malicious Trespass, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	35 37
Murder, . . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	60 78
Perjury, . . .	2	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	33 01
Sabbath Law, . .	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	2 97
Threatening, &c., .	2	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	18 60
	93	39	2	4	19	25	1	3	$2,222 16

* 6 continued from 1848.

TABLE XIV. WESTERN DISTRICT—*Continued.*

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Against the person, feloniously, . .	2	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	$92 07
Against the person, not feloniously, . .	28	9	5	5	3	.	1	5	592 27
Against property, with violence, . .	19	9	2	4	3	1	.	.	952 68
Against property, without violence, . .	32	11	5	5	.	6	4	1	1,175 60
Other offences, . .	117	37	4	17	21	19	4	15	1,459 33
Total, . .	198	67	16	31	27	27	9	21	$4,271 95
.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
TABLE OF OFFENCES.									
Adultery, . .	3	1	.	.	.	1	1	.	83 87
Arson, . . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	370 31
Arson, attempt, .	4	.	.	3	1	.	.	.	99 91
Assault and Battery, .	25	6	5	5	3	.	1	5	520 69
Assault, felonious, .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	73 56
Assault on an Officer,	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	71 58
Abortion, attempt to procure, . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	18 51
Bigamy, . . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	6 61
Burning Barn, . .	3	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	123 00
Burglary, . .	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	84 91
Common Drunkard, .	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	23 02
Drunkenness, . .	8	1	1	1	2	.	.	3	180 52

TABLE XIV—*Continued.*

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Embezzlement, . .	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	$8 26
False Pretences, .	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	39 14
House of Ill-fame, .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	47 62
Larceny, ...	21	5	3	2	.	6	4	1	769 75
License Law, . .	68	29	3	.	14	9	2	2	534 28
Lascivious Behavior, .	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	8 28
Malicious Mischief, .	3	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	164 03
Nuisance, . .	6	.	.	1	1	3	1	.	85 40
Passing Counterf't Money, ...	5	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	357 60
Perjury, ...	4	1	.	.	.	2	.	1	227 88
Receiving Stolen Goods	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	0 85
Robbery, ...	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	95 31
Riot, ...	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	11 11
Scire Facias, . .	14	5	.	6	3	.	.	.	68 42
Shop-breaking, . .	8	5	2	.	.	1	.	.	179 24
Threatening, . .	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	18 29
Town By-law, violation of, ...	5	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	.
	198	67	16	31	27	27	9	21	$4,271 95

TABLE XV. WHOLE NO. IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Against the person, feloniously, . .	9	3	1	.	.	4	1	.	$297 47
Against the person, not feloniously, . .	76	29	8	8	14	9	1	7	1,935 87
Against property, with violence, . .	36	19	3	7	4	3	.	.	1,746 91
Against property, without violence, . .	97	37	14	6	5	21	6	8	2,573 10
Other offences, . .	313	109	18	41	56	57	8	24	4,730 52
Total, . .	531	197	44	62	79	94	16	39	$11,283 87

TABLE XVI.

Showing the whole amount of Criminal Business in the Commonwealth.

OFFENCES.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol Pros'd.	Still Pending.	No Bill.	Not arrested.	Def'lt on Recognizance.	COSTS.
Against the person, feloniously, . .	43	16	5	.	9	11	2	.	$1,853 18
Against the person, not feloniously, . .	512	222	58	61	70	71	16	14	11,348 55
Against property, with violence, . .	194	115	21	14	26	14	2	2	7,990 57
Against property, without violence, . .	641	393	66	33	42	67	14	26	16,162 73
Other offences, . .	2382	1210	72	264	460	201	82	93	29,234 33
Total, . .	3772	1956	222	372	607	364	116	135	$66,589 36